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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR TURKMEN CALLED ON ME JULY 21. WE DISCUSSED HIS

RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ABOUT CYPRUS.

TURKMEN HAD SEEN GROMYKO ON SATURDAY (JULY 20) --EVIDENTLY ON

INSTRUCTION--TO PRESENT THE OFFICIAL TURKISH

POSITION ON INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS AND AGAIN TODAY (JULY 21) TO

CLARIFY A QUESTION GROMYKO RAISED IN THEIR FIRST CONVERSATION. LATER

IN THE AFTERNOON GREEK AMBASSADOR DEMETROPOULOS ALSO CALLED, LARGELY

ON A FISHING EXPEDITION.

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2. TURKMEN, WHO SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE SOVIETS' POSITION ON CYPRUS,

SAID GROMYKO RECEIVED THE EXPLANATION ON TURKISH INTERVENTION WITH UNDERSTANDING. BUT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THREE POINTS:

A. REFERRING TO A RECENT "ECONOMIST" ARTICLE ON CYPRUS (APPARENTLY SETTING OUT A CONVINCING SCENARIO FOR THE ULTIMATE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND) GROMYKO RAISED THE MATTER OF TURKEY'S POSITION ON PARTITION. TURKMEN DENIED TURKEY CONTEMPLATED THIS COURSE, EXPLAINING THAT TURKEY WAS ACTING AS ONE OF THE GUARANTORS OF THE ZURICH AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH SUCH A MOVE--ALONG WITH ENOSIS--WAS NOT POSSIBLE. TURKMEN OBSERVED THAT GROMYKO WAS CLEARLY CONCERNED ABOUT PARTITION, BUT THE TURKISH ANSWER APPEARED TO SATISFY HIM. (I ASSUME GROMYKO WAS USING THIS ENQUIRY AS A VEHICLE FOR MAKING CLEAR THE SOVIET POSITION ON PARTITION.)

B. GROMYKO ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE TURKS WOULD WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM CYPRUS. TURKMEN SAID HE AGAIN REFERRED TO THE ZURICH AGREEMENT AND RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. TURKMEN TOLD ME, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC TIMING FOR THIS ACTION.

C. THE THIRD POINT ON WHICH GROMYKO REQUESTED CLARIFICATION WAS WHETHER THE TURKISH COMMITMENT TO RESTORE CYPRUS'S "LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT" MEANT RETURNING MAKARIOS TO POWER. TURKMEN HAD TO ASK INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA, AND SAID HE INFORMED GROMYKO (JULY 21) THAT TURKEY WAS NOT OPPOSED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO MAKARIOS' RETURN, BUT THAT TURKEY WAS NOT THE KINGMAKER IN CYPRUS. HE SAID WHILE GROMYKO WAS PROBABLY LESS THAN FULLY SATISFIED WITH THIS, HE APPEARED TO ACCEPT THE TURKISH POSITION.

3. OFFERING SOME GENERAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE SOVIETS' VIEWS, TURKMEN SAID GROMYKO HAD BEEN VERY TOUGH ON GREECE, ALONG THE LINES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATEMENT. GROMYKO HAD TOLD HIM THE GREEK ACTION IN OVERTHROWING MAKARIOS WAS TANTAMOUNT TO ENOSIS. WHETHER SAMPSON PROCLAIMED UNION WITH GREECE AS HIS OBJECTIVE NOW OR NOT, IF HE REMAINED THIS WOULD BE THE AIM OF HIS GOVERNMENT. GROMYKO TOOK A POSITIVE VIEW OF THE UNSC RESOLUTION; HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE PLEASED WITH IT AND THE SOONER IT WERE IMPLEMENTED, THE BETTER. ALL IN ALL, TURKMEN THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WERE TAKING A REASONABLE POSITION.

4. AMBASSADOR DEMETROPOULOS CALLED ON ME SHORTLY AFTER TURKMEN HAD LEFT. HE WAS CLEARLY ANNOYED WITH AND SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THE "BITTER ANTI-GREEK POSITION" OF THE SOVIETS. HE WANTED TO KNOW

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WHETHER WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO THE TURKS. I AGREED THE SOVIET POSITION APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO THE TURKISH INTERVENTION, BUT SAID WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SOVIET AID TO TURKEY. I PARRIED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT JUST WHY THE SOVIETS WERE "SUPPORTING TURKEY," AND WHAT THEY WANTED. DEMETROPOULOS ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER WE HAD RECEIVED ANY CIRCULARS FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY ACCUSING THE GREEKS OF ATROCITIES (WE HAVE NOT). HE CONFIRMED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS SINCE THEY CALLED

HIM IN JULY 19 REGARDING THE POSITION OF THEIR EMBASSY IN NICOSIA.
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